



**Connecticut  
Light & Power**

The Northeast Utilities System

**TESTIMONY OF STEPHEN GIBELLI  
THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY**

**Energy and Technology Committee  
March 3, 2011**

**Re: S.B. No. 5847 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING TIME FRAMES FOR  
INTERCONNECTION PROJECTS.**

Good afternoon. My name is Stephen Gibelli, and I am Associate General Counsel for Northeast Utilities Service Company and Assistant Secretary for the Connecticut Light and Power Company.

This proposed bill would require electric distribution companies and municipal cooperatives to provide a written explanation to a private power producer as to why their contract proposal was rejected. CL&P opposes this bill.

The underlying legislation dates back to the days before deregulation when CL&P had a generation portfolio and served load. These conditions no longer exist. Since deregulation, CL&P does not have any need for power to serve load. As a result, CL&P does not typically enter into long-term contracts with private power producers. This makes the proposed legislation dealing with contracts unnecessary.

Please note that private power producers who choose to sell power to CL&P can still do so as short term sales under an approved tariff (Rate 980).

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposed legislation.